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| TITLE OF CASE<br>FRED G. RANDACCIO, aka "Freddie the Wolf", Fred Lupo, Frédérico Garibaldi Randaccio, Frederico Gabriel Randaccio, Frederico Gabriel Bacci, Fred Randazzo, Fred Randazzo; UNSUBS; ROBERT C. HANSELMAN VICTIM |                             | REPORT MADE BY<br>[redacted] (A) | TYPED BY b6 dbl b7c                  |
|  |                             | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>EXTORTION   |                                      |

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Buffalo, 2/27/64, captioned "CRIME CONDITIONS IN THE BUFFALO DIVISION."

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Will maintain this case in a pending inactive status until the prosecutive opinion of the Department is received.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The initial investigation into this matter was conducted at Buffalo, New York, in case captioned [redacted]  
aka [redacted]

[redacted] Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York - FRA; ITSP, Bufile 29-30613, Buffalo file 87-3812.

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Investigations were later conducted under the caption [redacted] aka - FUGITIVE; UFAP - GRAND LARCENY, with the same file numbers.

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In view of the allegation made by [redacted] that "FREDDIE THE WOLF" had loaned him \$10,000 and demanded repayment of \$15,000 in 30 days, an investigation was then conducted to determine if "FREDDIE THE WOLF" was identical with FRED G. RANDACCIO. The results of this phase of the investigation were set forth in case captioned "FRED G. RANDACCIO, aka - AR," Bufile 92-3972, Buffalo file 92-174.

In order to record the full details concerning the alleged dealings between RANDACCIO and [redacted] all information developed during the above-mentioned cases has been re-stated in this one report. No information from informants or highly confidential sources has been used in the details of this report.

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Two copies of this report are being furnished the Bureau in view of the fact that additional investigation was requested by HERBERT J. MILLER, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, 2/24/64. An extra copy is being maintained by the Buffalo Office in the event that it is necessary at a later date to disseminate a copy to the USA at Buffalo.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:  
Date:[redacted] (A)  
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Office: Buffalo, New York

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Field Office File No.: 9-750

Bureau File No.:

Title: FRED G. RANDACCIO;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ROBERT C. HANSELMAN - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

[redacted] of Crystal Inn, Arcade, New York, was indicted by Cattaraugus County Grand Jury on 3/27/62 and on 6/26/62 on charges of forgery and grand larceny. Investigations disclosed that [redacted] maintaining accounts at two banks in or near East Aurora, New York, drew against uncollected funds resulting in loss of \$162,128.90 at Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York. [redacted] jumped bail and traveled to Brazil. Upon his return, [redacted] contacted FBI, Washington, D. C., where he expressed fears of the "syndicate" in Buffalo, New York, and of the "Communists" in Brazil. [redacted] arrested Washington, D. C., 3/22/63, and turned over to local authorities. [redacted] in signed statement alleged FRED G. RANDACCIO loaned him \$10,000 and demanded payment of \$15,000 at end of 30 days. [redacted] alleges he received threats from RANDACCIO and his associates and was told to leave the country. Subject's [redacted] advised she does not know FRED G. RANDACCIO, however, she knows an individual called "FREDDIE THE WOLF". She stated her husband told her that he had borrowed \$10,000 from "FREDDIE THE WOLF" during the Thanksgiving period of 1961.

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DETAILS:

An investigation into this matter was initiated by the Buffalo Office to determine whether or not [redacted]

[redacted] night club at Arcade, New York, known as Crystal Inn, was threatened by three men alleged to be friends of "FREDDIE THE WOLF" in an effort to collect \$15,000 on a loan of \$10,000 for 30 days.

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AT OLEAN, NEW YORK

On December 17, 1961, RICHARD DAWSON, District Attorney at Olean, New York, telephonically contacted SA [redacted]

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[redacted] and advised that it appeared that [redacted] New York, had been kiting checks between the Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York, and East Aurora, New York Office of the Marine Trust Company. He stated that about \$200,000 worth of checks were involved in the check kite.

On January 4, 1962, [redacted] Investigator, District Attorney's Office, Olean, New York, advised that the New York State Police at Allegany, New York, are investigating this matter and had obtained a statement from [redacted] wherein he admitted passing approximately nine checks fraudulently. [redacted] stated that members of his office intended to arrest [redacted] however, on December 20, 1961, [redacted] had entered the hospital at Warsaw, New York, after an alleged nervous breakdown. [redacted] stated that investigation has developed that [redacted] distributed approximately 60 checks on the bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York, and the Marine Trust Company at East Aurora, New York, on checks being passed intra-state.

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On January 17, 1962, RICHARD DAWSON, supra, advised SA [redacted], that [redacted] was arrested by the New York State Police, Allegany, New York, on January 16, 1962, on second degree forgery charges and released him on \$5,000 bail. A hearing was scheduled for February 1, 1962, and DAWSON stated that the case would be presented to the Cattaraugus County Grand Jury in March, 1962.

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On January 11, 1962, [redacted] New York State Banking Department, 914 ELLICOTT Square Building, Buffalo, New York, advised that he began an investigation

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of the possible check kiting activities of [redacted] at the Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York, on December 15, 1961. He stated his investigation was not completed at that time; however, he has determined that as of January 11, 1962, [redacted] has written a total of 31 checks totaling \$218,065.36. These checks were drawn on the Marine Trust Company, East Aurora Branch, East Aurora, New York, and deposited to [redacted] checking account at the Bank of Delevan where he maintained an account in the name of [redacted]

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On April 6, 1962, the facts as developed during the investigation of the check kiting operations of [redacted] were discussed with CHARLES F. CRIMI, Assistant United States Attorney at Buffalo, New York, by SA(A) [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that since [redacted] has been indicted on eight counts of forgery by New York State authorities, he desired to withhold any opinion concerning prosecution until the State prosecution is completed. He observed that if [redacted] received a substantial sentence in State Court he will not consider taking prosecutive action in Federal Court.

With respect to [redacted] the cashier, Bank of Delevan, and allegedly a stockholder in the Crystal Inn Night Club and who personally handled [redacted] account at the Bank, [redacted] advised that it appeared if [redacted] was prosecuted in Federal Court, [redacted] would be a necessary cooperative witness against him and therefore would not likely be prosecuted. He said he was taking into account that her role will be similar in the State prosecution of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he wished to observe the conduct of [redacted] as a witness in the State case for consideration in reaching a final decision after disposition of the State charges. He said that [redacted] appeared to be basically responsible for the loss, and that he could not envision any successful prosecution that did not include him as the principal defendant.

On July 19, 1962, Cattaraugus County District Attorney RICHARD DAWSON advised that [redacted] was indicted by the Cattaraugus County Grand Jury at Little Valley, New York, on March 27, 1962, for forgery second degree in an eight count indictment. He advised that [redacted] was further indicted by the same Grand Jury on June 26, 1962, for grand larceny first for a total of 26 counts; grand larceny second for four counts and for petit larceny, four counts. The trial date for [redacted] was set for January 7, 1963, at Little Valley, New York.

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By letter dated February 18, 1963, Cattaraugus County District Attorney RICHARD DAWSON advised United States Attorney at Buffalo, New York, that [redacted] failed to appear in Cattaraugus County Court for trial on January 7, 1963, and that the \$10,000 bail was forfeited by the court. Bench warrants were issued on February 18, 1963, by the Cattaraugus County Judge.

On February 21, 1963, JOHN T. CURTIN, United States Attorney, Western District of New York, Buffalo, New York, authorized prosecution of [redacted] for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for violation of Section 1073, Title 18, United States Code.

On February 25, 1963, a complaint authorized by Mr. CURTIN was filed by SA (A) [redacted] before United States Commissioner [redacted] Buffalo, New York, charging [redacted] with an offense under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073, in that on or about October 1, 1962, [redacted] unlawfully fled the State of New York to avoid prosecution for the crime of grand larceny.

On February 25, 1963, [redacted] Agent, Peerless Insurance Company, 1118 Prudential Building, telephone [redacted] advised that [redacted] has been traced to the address of Chacara Arajatuba, Casa 4, Santo Maro, Sao Paulo, Brazil. An investigator, [redacted] Pan American Secret Service, 909 Olympia Building, Miami, Florida, has recently been to Brazil and has talked to [redacted] has been employed by Cia Utragaz, Sao Paulo, according to [redacted] of that firm. [redacted] has talked to [redacted] Legal Attaché, U. S. Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, who said that [redacted] visa would be revoked if an unlawful flight warrant was issued. [redacted] has his family with him. According to [redacted]

[redacted] is presently negotiating for return passage of her and the children. He said [redacted] went to Brazil by boat from Miami about October 1, 1962.

On February 15, 1963, [redacted] of Rogers & Associates, which is associated with the Pan American Secret Service, Inc., with offices in Los Angeles at 520 West Seventh Street, and in Miami, Florida, at Suite 909, Olympia Building, called at the office of the Legal Attaché, Rio de Janeiro, and advised he is in Brazil on a business-pleasure

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trip and had been requested by [redacted] to obtain information relating to [redacted] stated [redacted] is either the bondsman or a representative of a bondsman from whom [redacted] obtained bail bond in Cattaraugus County, New York.

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[redacted] advised that on March 27, 1962, the Grand Jury of Cattaraugus County, Little Valley, New York, had returned Indictment No. 62-7, accusing [redacted] of the crime of forgery in the second degree committed on December 16, 1961, at [redacted] Yorkshire, New York. He further advised that [redacted] had been arraigned on April 2, 1961, and released on two \$5,000 bonds. Several delays were encountered, according to [redacted] and trial was finally set for January 7, 1963. [redacted] failed to appear for trial, bonds were forfeited, and bench warrants were issued.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] activities had amounted to [redacted] various swindles and other falsifications totaling \$163,000. He stated that his activities included forgery, bank overdrafts, and the issuance of spurious notes. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been indicted on four counts of second-degree forgery and thirty-four counts of first-degree larceny.

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[redacted] stated that information had been received that [redacted] had proceeded to Brazil and reportedly were residing in Sao Paulo, Brazil. [redacted] inquired if Legal Attache could take any action in instant case, although he noted there are no Federal complaints filed against [redacted]. Legal Attache advised [redacted] that in the absence of Federal process, Legal Attache could take no action, but that Legal Attache would immediately advise the appropriate authorities in the United States that [redacted] is in Sao Paulo, Brazil, if such developed to be the case. It was noted that the possibility exists [redacted] could be charged with the Federal offense of Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution.

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On February 17, 1963, [redacted] advised Legal Attache from Sao Paulo that [redacted] and his family are actually in Sao Paulo and that [redacted] has become involved in difficulties in that city, including skipping out on a leased residence, bad checks, and other questionable activities. He reportedly purchased over \$1,000 worth of furniture from Sears, Roebuck, S. A.

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in São Paulo, as well as a Volkswagen, and has not paid for these items. According to [redacted] has been working for the Ultra Gas Company in São Paulo, but that his services have been terminated. [redacted] further advised on February 19, 1963, telephonically from São Paulo, that [redacted] Vice President of Ultra Gas, has a considerable amount of information relating to [redacted] and is willing to cooperate with Legal Attaché. He stated [redacted] is endeavoring to make arrangements to have [redacted] returned to the United States, but that [redacted] has stated he definitely will not return and reportedly has in his possession a .32 caliber pistol. According to [redacted] states he will commit suicide before returning to the United States. [redacted] has, according to [redacted] received his permanent visa to stay in Brazil.

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[redacted] is described by [redacted] according to information received by him from [redacted] as age [redacted] white, 5'10", 160 lbs., gray eyes, gray and balding hair, medium build, fair-sallow complexion, Social Security No. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on February 19, 1963, that he was returning to the United States, but that he had telephonically advised [redacted] that [redacted] is in São Paulo and that he should consider having the local authorities in New York obtain Federal process against [redacted] for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

It was noted at the time that the Legal Attaché in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was aware that the FBI was attempting to locate [redacted]

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On March 22, 1963, [redacted] was apprehended by FBI Agents at Washington, D. C. After his arrest at 11:00 p.m., [redacted] was lodged at the No. 1 Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., pending arraignment before the United States Commissioner.

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March 26, 1963  
Date

[redacted] was advised at the [redacted] b6  
inception of his arrest on March 22, 1963, in Room 757 of the b7C  
Young Men's Christian Association located at 18th and G Streets,  
N. W., Washington, D. C., that he did not have to make any  
statement, that any statement made by him could be used against  
him or anyone else in a court of law, and that he had the  
right to consult an attorney.

[redacted] admitted that he was wanted in the State  
of New York for check "kiting" and that he had jumped a  
\$10,000 bond. He stated that he left the State of New York  
and traveled to Miami, Florida, in September, 1962, with his

[redacted] On September 26, 1962, he traveled  
from Miami, Florida, to Brazil by commercial airliner with his  
family, arriving at Rio de Janeiro. He stated that when he  
arrived in Brazil he had approximately \$942 to support his  
family.

While in Brazil he sought employment and became  
employed for the Ultra Gaz Oil Company as an Engineer at San  
Paulo, Brazil. He stated that while in the employ of the Ultra  
Gaz Oil Company, he borrowed from the Company, after having  
several talks with officials of the Ultra Gaz Company, between  
\$3,000 and \$5,000.

Because of financial problems and also because he  
felt officials of the Ultra Gaz Company were attempting to secure  
his services as a communist courier, he at the request of the  
company, sent his wife and three smallest children back to the  
United States on March 3, 1963.

He stated that after further talks with officials  
of the Ultra Gaz Company, he asked them for time to think the  
matter over and he departed Brazil with his two oldest sons  
on March 8, 1963. In obtaining his exit from Brazil he had  
to bribe government officials and used the name [redacted]  
as well as his passport identification. He stated that he  
arrived in Miami, Florida, from Nassau on March 14, 1963. He  
stated that he remained in Miami at a local hotel until  
March 19, 1963, at which time he made arrangements for his  
two oldest sons who had traveled with him from Brazil to return  
to their mother [redacted] He stated that he

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On 3/22/63 at Washington, D. C. File # WFO 88-3923  
by SA [redacted] Buffalo 9-750  
SA [redacted] CES:bmh;db1 Date dictated 3/26/63

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arrived in Washington, D. C., on March 22, 1963, whereby he contacted Central Intelligence Agency officials.

[redacted] stated that before he left the United States he was in the restaurant business in Freedom, New York. He stated that in setting up his place of business, he had to borrow substantial sums of money. He further stated that because of this he was afraid of the "syndicate" indicating "racketeers" from whom he had borrowed the money. [redacted] would not identify the individuals by name. [redacted] stated, however, that he did maintain in a safe hidden place, all the various papers and documents pertaining to the loans he had received and what he was required to repay.

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[redacted] further stated that he had been told by an unidentified person connected with the "syndicate" "not to testify in a court or an accident might happen to your children." [redacted] indicated he left the United States with his family mainly because of their protection.

Through observation and interview the following physical description was obtained of [redacted]

Race

White

Sex

Male

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Date of Birth

5'10"

Place of Birth

165 pounds

Height

Tan

Weight

Gray

Complexion

Brown, graying at sides,  
balding on top

Eyes

Hair

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On March 23, 1963, [redacted] appeared before the United States Commissioner SAM WERTLEB whereby he admitted his identity and indicated a desire to be returned to New York as soon as possible. Mr. WERTLEB set bond at \$10,000, and in lieu of bond, [redacted] was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. Mr. WERTLEB set a tentative date for April 4, 1963, for the additional hearing.

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On March 23, 1963, [redacted] Fugitive Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, was advised of [redacted] apprehension. [redacted] advised that he will when the local warrant from Buffalo has been forwarded to the Fugitive Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., take the appropriate steps to take subject into custody after dismissal of Federal process.

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AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

By letter dated March 27, 1963, [redacted] Insurance Broker, 1118 Prudential Building, Buffalo 2, New York, furnished the following information relating to [redacted]

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"Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Courthouse  
Buffalo, New York

"RE: [redacted]

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"Gentlemen:

"Before closing my bail file on the above-named fugitive, I feel that in the interest of justice the Bureau should be informed as to the copy of a certain letter, written by the fugitive to his father, [redacted]

[redacted] dated February 21, 1963, and now in the possession of the fugitive's brother, [redacted]

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"A copy of this specific letter was sent to me by my representative in Brazil: [redacted]

[redacted] In turn, I forwarded

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"the letter, together with still another letter dated February 12, 1963, to [redacted] but either through [redacted] neglect or deliberate intent, he has failed to return the letters to me as requested.

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"The letter of February 21st., in addition to giving names, emphasizes that he (the fugitive) was under duress by what he labeled the 'Syndicate'; that he had been threatened; that on one occasion two of his children had narrowly escaped serious auto injuries under strange circumstances; and that he felt that his wife and children might suffer serious retaliatory consequences were he to disclose to the authorities his dealings with the Syndicate.

"The fugitive being a liar as much as a thief, his contentions, of course, might be just so much hogwash; but if not, it would seem that such information should be known by the proper authorities.

"Yours very truly,

"*/s/* [redacted]

By letter dated April 10, 1963, the United States Attorney at Buffalo, New York, advised United States Commissioner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office at Buffalo that the proceedings before the United States Commissioner at Buffalo should be dismissed relating to [redacted].

[redacted] He pointed out that [redacted] had been turned over to State authorities.

[redacted] In regards to the allegations and charges made by [redacted] it should be noted that [redacted] appeared un- announced at the Washington Field Office of the FBI at approximately 6:40 p.m. on the evening of March 22, 1963.

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Upon arrival, [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] tendered a business card identifying himself as [redacted] representative of "ULTRAGAZ SA," Sao Paulo, Brazil. [redacted] stated that he had been at another Government agency almost all that afternoon discussing

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a matter of interest to that agency and to the FBI. He said he was referred by a representative of that Government agency to the Department of Justice where he was in turn referred to the FBI. [redacted] pointed out that it would take two or three hours to discuss this matter with the FBI, however, he was asked to briefly furnish the highlights of the situation and if necessary a further interview would be arranged. [redacted] stated he was staying at Room 757, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), Washington, D. C., under the assumed name of [redacted]. He stated he would remain at this address until the other Government agency and the FBI decided what to do. He asked that his true identity and his whereabouts be held in strict confidence.

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[redacted] stated that he resides at [redacted]. He left the United States September 26, 1962, with his [redacted] and traveled to Brazil, after having been victimized by a "syndicate" in the Buffalo, New York area. He explained that he had built and operated a "lavish" restaurant at Arcade, New York, however, his two partners had backed out leaving him in financial ruin.

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Upon questioning, [redacted] was unable to name one of his alleged partners in the restaurant business; however, he furnished the name of [redacted] a banker of Buffalo, as the other partner. [redacted] was specifically questioned as to whether he was involved in any legal trouble. He admitted he was the subject of several civil suits in New York State and he had been involved in a check kite with his business there. He stated he had appeared in County Court at Freedom, New York, in July, 1962, and this case had been continued. At no time during the interview did [redacted] indicate he was wanted by any Federal, State or other authority.

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[redacted] related that in Brazil he answered a newspaper "ad" in Sao Paulo for an engineer, and subsequently was employed by "ULTRAGAZ SA" as an engineer. He received salary advances totaling about \$3,000 in three months time. He stated that "ULTRAGAZ" officials then had Sears, Roebuck and Company repossess all his furniture. The officials then

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informed him they knew he was "dead broke" and told him they wanted him to become a courier and travel from Brazil to Mexico and other countries. [ ] identified the officials of "ULTRAGAZ" who approached him as: [ ]

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[ ] a [ ] who is not a citizen of Brazil; and one [ ] whose last name [ ] did not know. [ ] allegedly operated a laundry in Sao Paulo.

[ ] stated he informed the officials of "ULTRAGAZ" he could not travel from country to country and they assured him they could get any necessary passports and visas through a source in the American Embassy. [ ] stated he stalled them until he could get his family out of Brazil. He then got out of Brazil himself by bribing a local police official to get him an exit visa. [ ] indicated he was interested in having a particular Government agency and/or the FBI sponsor his return to Brazil to assist in identifying the "source" of the "ULTRAGAZ" officials within the United States Embassy. During the interview,

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[ ] alternately expressed fear of the "syndicate" in New York State and the "Communists" in Brazil. He indicated, however, that he hated Communists to the extent that he was willing to return to Brazil. When questioned as to how he knew the "ULTRAGAZ" officials were Communists, [ ] stated that they told him they would soon "take over" Brazil and this indicated to him they must be Communists.

It should be noted that at no time during the interview did [ ] tell SA [ ] he was a wanted fugitive, nor did he indicate he was wanted by anyone.

On April 4, 1963, [ ] appeared before United States Commissioner for the District of Columbia [ ] at which time he waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Mr. WERTLEB dismissed the complaint charging [ ] with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073 (Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution), and [ ] was released to the custody of the Fugitive Squad of the Metropolitan Police Department based on a fugitive warrant.

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By letter dated April 10, 1963, United States Attorney JOHN T. CURTIN, Buffalo, New York, requested United

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States Commissioner THOMAS J. RYAN, Buffalo, to dismiss all proceedings against [redacted]

On April 16, 1963, at Little Valley, New York, Undersheriff [redacted] advised that [redacted] was returned to Little Valley, New York, by Sheriff [redacted] [redacted] on April 6, 1963. He said [redacted] was being held in the Cattaraugus County Jail at Little Valley, New York, awaiting trial.

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Date 4/30/63

signed statement:

[redacted] furnished the following

"Little Valley, New York  
April 17, 1963b6  
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"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, that I may consult an attorney and that anything I say may be used against me in court. No threats or promises have been made to me.

"I was born [redacted] in [redacted]. From February, 1953, to July, 1961, I was employed by the Buffalo Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Buffalo, New York. I had always had the desire to own and operate a supper club. During the Winter of 1960-1961 I looked for financial assistance to enable me to build a supper club. I worked only part time for the Buffalo Area Council during the Winter of 1960-1961. In order to facilitate obtaining a liquor license I purchased [redacted]

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[redacted] in October or November, 1960. My father [redacted] loaned me \$3,000.00 to purchase it. I had only \$2,000.00 or \$3000.00 of my own funds.

"In order to obtain financial backing I enlisted the aid of [redacted] of the Buffalo Area Council, [redacted] of the Niagara Savings and Loan Association and a [redacted] of the Marine Midland Corporation. [redacted] of the Carl E. Sentz Insurance Company, Tonawanda, New York, and on the Board of Directors of the Niagara Savings and Loan Association. [redacted] agreed to back me financially and co-sign any notes that were necessary. Through [redacted] efforts I received

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On 4/17/63 at [redacted] New York File # Buffalo 87-3812  
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by SAA [redacted] tejt:dbl Date dictated 4/24/63

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"a written commitment from the Western Savings Bank for a loan of \$3,000.00 secured by a first mortgage, said loan to be made upon completion of the building and after the liquor license was secured.

"At this time I maintained the following bank accounts:

| Type of Account | Name of Bank                                      | Name of Account              | Date |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|------|
| Checking        | Citizens Central Bank of Arcade, Arcade, New York | [REDACTED]                   | 1953 |
| Checking        | Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York                | [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] | 1956 |
| Checking        | Marine Trust Co. E. Aurora, New York              | [REDACTED]                   | 1957 |
| Savings         | Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York                | [REDACTED] and/or [REDACTED] | 1958 |
| Savings         | Marine Trust Co. E. Aurora, New York              | [REDACTED]                   | 1961 |

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"The checking account at the Bank of Delevan was my regular account. The accounts at the Marine Trust Co. and Citizens Central Bank were inactive prior to 1961. Hereinafter the Marine Trust Co. will be referred to as Marine, the Citizens Central Bank as Citizens, and the Bank of Delevan as Delevan. In April, 1961, Gruen insisted that the account at Marine be used during the construction of the supper club known as the Crystal Inn.

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"I negotiated for the purchase of a piece of real estate in Arcade, N.Y., from [REDACTED] N.Y. for \$10,000.00. I paid \$400.00 down and signed a note payable to [REDACTED] for \$16,000.00 to be paid at the rate of \$400.00 each three months. As security I pledged my retirement benefits due me from the Boy Scouts of America, in the amount of \$1,600.00,

"my wife's diamond ring valued at \$8,000.00 or \$9,000.00, my furniture and gave a second mortgage on my home, RFD Freedom, N.Y. I understood that any interest on the note was included in the principal of the note.

"In April, 1961, I borrowed \$2,500.00 from Gruen, and gave a first mortgage on the real estate in Arcade, N.Y., to him as security. I used this money to tear down the old building on the real estate. About this same time I borrowed \$2,000.00 from [redacted] Deleyan, personally. As security she took a second mortgage on the Arcade property. I used this money to pay the architect and to buy tools and equipment to start construction of the inn. Construction started June 15, 1961. The building was completed October 14, 1961, and I opened for business October 15, 1961.

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"During construction I was in constant need of funds to meet payrolls and to pay suppliers. During the summer I was approached by [redacted] 11 Niagara St., Buffalo, N.Y., who said he was in the business of placing second and third mortgages for loans. Through [redacted] I obtained a \$6,000.00 loan from an attorney in Buffalo, whose name I do not recall. I gave a third mortgage on the property as security. I gave him a note, signed by me and my wife for \$7,000.00 with interest at 6%. The mortgage was for \$7,000.00. This loan, according to agreement, was to be paid by Western Savings Bank, as were the loans from Gruen and Jones, when that bank made the loan on the property after completion of construction. About this time I borrowed an additional \$1,000.00 from Gruen, for which I gave two post dated checks for \$550.00 each and one check for \$75.00. I signed a note for \$1,100.00 payable within fifteen days by the post dated checks.

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"I resigned my job with the Buffalo Area Council in July, 1961.

"I purchased equipment for the inn from the Meyer Equipment Co., Inc., Buffalo, N.Y. through a [redacted] handled the obtaining of my liquor license also.

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"In order to make the down payment on the equipment I borrowed \$10,000.00 from Marine. I used the commitment from Western Savings as security.

"Gruen and Sents would not permit their names to be used in connection with a liquor license or in operation of the inn. They insisted that a corporation be formed to facilitate obtaining the liquor license and to own the inn property. For these purposes the Clear Creek Corporation was formed. I was president, my wife was vice president, Gruen was treasurer and [redacted] was secretary. A checking account was opened in the name of the Clear Creek Corporation at Marine with Gruen and myself as authorized to sign checks.

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"In August, 1961, I borrowed \$5,000.00 from Citizens and gave as security about one half of a stamp collection valued at about \$25,000.00 that had been given to me by my father.

"In September, 1961, I could not pay the insurance premiums that were due on policies carried with Sents. I owed him about \$1,500.00. This resulted in Gruen and Sents withdrawing from Clear Creek Corporation. They also withdrew any further financial assistance. With their withdrawal I could no longer borrow money at Marine.

"In my search for funds I went to [redacted]. He loaned me \$5,000.00. I signed a note due in two weeks for \$6,500.00 with interest at 6%. As security I gave him the balance of the stamp collection. This loan was obtained early in October, 1961.

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"In October, 1961, I obtained a loan of \$4,000.00 from Alice Jones, personally. My father co-signed the note. No security was given for this loan.

"About October 20, 1961, [redacted] came to Arcade, and wanted payment of the loan. He was accompanied by his attorney, one Diggs. I gave him a post dated check for \$6,500.00. I paid the interest in cash.

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"I called [redacted] and asked him to start looking for a second mortgage loan of about \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. He said his fee would be \$3,500.00 payable in advance. I gave him a post dated check for this amount. At this time I asked him if he could put me in touch with a source for a \$10,000.00 loan. I needed this amount to pay the two post dated checks in the amounts of \$6,500.00 and \$3,500.00. He took me to a bar in Buffalo and introduced me to four or five men one of whom was Freddie the Wolf. Freddie took \$10,000.00 from his pocket in cash and handed it to me, after I agreed to repay the loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 in thirty days. This was late in October or early in November, 1961. I deposited this money and the checks for \$6,500.00 and \$3,500.00 were paid.

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"A checking account was opened at Delevan on or about October 12, 1961, in the name of the Crystal Inn, on which I alone was authorized to sign checks.

[redacted] "About November 1, 1961, I went back to [redacted] and borrowed \$6,000.00 for which I signed a note for \$7,500.00 due in fifteen days with interest at 6%. I deposited at least some of this money in Delevan. I was drawing checks on both the Crystal Inn account and my personal account at Delevan to pay various bills. Beginning about November 10, 1961, a female employee of Delevan called me to tell me that my checking accounts were overdrawn and that deposits were needed to cover checks that had been received. I received numerous calls from employees of Delevan thereafter that my accounts were overdrawn. In order to make deposits at Delevan I drew checks on one of the accounts at Marine cashed them at Citizens and deposited the cash or deposited the checks at Delevan. At the times I drew such checks and negotiated them I knew there were not funds on deposit sufficient to pay them. In order to pay the checks drawn on Marine I deposited checks drawn on Delevan and receipts from the operation of the Crystal Inn. When I drew and deposited such checks at Marine I knew there were not sufficient funds on deposit at

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"Delevan to pay them. I had no agreement with [redacted] or any other bank employee to pay my checks with knowledge that there would not be sufficient funds collected to pay them. One day [redacted] told me my account at Delevan was irregular and not in accordance with approved banking procedure, however, I assured her that I would soon have a second mortgage on the inn and that everything would be paid off.

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"On or about November 15, 1961, the loan from Western Savings was made, and from the proceeds of this loan the following loans were paid: Gruen \$2,500.00, Jones \$2,000.00, lawyer \$7,000.00, Marine \$10,000.00, Citizens \$5,000.00 and legal and other fees. From this loan I received about \$1,250.00 after payment of loans and expenses.

"The day following Thanksgiving a second mortgage was placed to secure a loan of \$33,000.00 from Harry Bisgeier, Meyer Kahn and Myra Goldstein. For this loan I gave a note signed by my wife and myself for \$58,500.00. As security I gave a third mortgage on my home, a second mortgage on the Crystal Inn property, a first mortgage on 30 Liberty St. Arcade, N.Y., and mortgages on personal property. After paying off the property at 30 Liberty Street in the amount of \$10,000.00, legal fees and finders fees I received a net amount of \$19,500.00. I deposited this money in Delevan. The following Saturday night I was visited in my office at the Crystal Inn by [redacted] (ph), [redacted] and [redacted].

These three men were present when I borrowed the money from Freddie the Wolf. They said that Freddie wanted his money when it became due. On the following Tuesday [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] came to the inn and said he wanted his money. I told him I did not have the money but he said he would return the next morning to collect it. He said if I did not pay for me to remember that I had a [redacted]

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[redacted] and that if I did not pay their lives would not be worth a plugged nickel. They came to my home the next morning and took me to the inn. Freddie said if I did not pay one of my children would never get home from school. I told him I did not have the

"money. In order to obtain the necessary \$15,000.00 I cashed checks at Delevan, Citizens and Marine. At each bank I cashed checks drawn on the other banks except Citizens knowing I did not have funds on deposit to pay them. I obtained \$15,000.00 by this means and paid Freddie. Within two or three days I borrowed \$10,000.00 from [redacted]. Loans from [redacted] were in the form of certified checks on his account at the Exchange National Bank, Olean, N.Y. I gave him a note for \$12,500.00 due in fifteen days with interest at 6%. During this time I was kiting checks between Delevan and Marine trying to keep ahead of my bills but getting in deeper all the time. This was about December 5, 1961. I called [redacted] and [redacted] attorney for Bisgeier, Kahn and Golastein, and told them I wanted to sell everything I owned and pay off as much as possible and call it quits. Saft said for me not to be silly and that I could not quit. [redacted] and [redacted] said the same thing. [redacted] and [redacted] came to Arcade and told me they were not about to let me off the hook for \$12,500.00. I paid off [redacted] with one check in the amount of \$12,500.00 on Delevant. I covered this check by depositing checks on Marine.

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"Shortly before the date I collapsed in the office of [redacted], on or about December 15, 1961, I borrowed an additional \$10,000.00 from [redacted] for which I signed a note for \$12,500.00 due in fifteen days with interest at 6%. He took my stamp collection for the second time as security. This loan was never paid.

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"I was taken by ambulance to the Warsaw General Hospital on December 15, 1961.

[redacted] had no interest in the Crystal Inn. The only loans she made are the ones recorded herein. No one had any interest in the Crystal Inn except myself, except through holding mortgages on the property. I repaid [redacted] the \$4,000.00 loan by check on my account at Delevan.

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"Before I collapsed in the doctor's office I gave Delevan a note bearing the signature of my

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"father [redacted] and one bearing  
the signature of my brother [redacted]  
Both were forgeries. These notes were given  
in response to a request by officials of Delevan  
to cover the loss at that bank caused by checks  
that I had deposited.

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"I have read this statement consisting  
of this and 18 other pages and it is true.

/s/ [redacted]

"Witnesses:

/s/ I [redacted] Cattaraugus  
County

/s/ [redacted] FBI, Buffalo, N.Y."

[redacted] advised that when he collapsed in the  
doctor's office he was taken to the hospital in Warsaw,  
New York, by ambulance and was later transferred to the  
Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, New York. He said  
he remained in an unconscious condition for 72 hours  
after being first taken to the hospital. He said he  
left the Buffalo General Hospital on December 30, 1961. His  
doctor was [redacted]. He said he went to  
see [redacted] the same day. He asked [redacted] for money and  
ROSLY gave him five postdated checks each in the amount of  
\$500. He signed the note for \$3,000 and gave chattel mortgages  
on personal property to deals of which he did not recall.  
On January 1, 1962, [redacted] came to his house with [redacted] and  
told him that he had stopped payment on the five checks.

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[redacted] on this occasion told him that he would not  
be arrested but that if he were arrested he was not to  
say anything about [redacted] or Attorney [redacted] in Buffalo who  
handled the loan transaction in the amount of \$33,000. He  
said that [redacted] returned in a few days and suggested that he  
take a little trip. [redacted] said he refused. On or about  
January 15, 1962, [redacted] and FREDDIE THE WOLF came to see him  
and told him to leave the country and not talk to the Bureau  
of Internal Revenue or the FBI. He told them he could not  
leave because of lack of funds.

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He said he borrowed \$300 from a neighbor and flew  
to California to find work. He changed his mind and returned

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to New York. He was again told by [redacted] and FREDDIE THE WOLF on or about February 1, 1962, to leave the country. He said he consented on this occasion to obtain a passport to Brazil. [redacted] and FREDDIE THE WOLF gave him \$150 which he used to purchase tickets for himself and his wife to fly to New York. They went to the Brazilian Embassy there, and to the Passport Division of the State Department. He said that before he could obtain clearance to go to Brazil he had to have a letter from the appropriate police agency that he was not wanted. He so informed [redacted]. FREDDIE THE WOLF obtained a letter for him from the Buffalo Police Department stating that he was not wanted by that department. He said that he obtained a 90-day visa from the Brazilian Embassy but permitted it to expire. In April, 1962, the Crystal Inn was shut down. At this time [redacted] gave him \$200 with which he purchased a 1952 Cadillac from an unrecalled dealer in Buffalo. He drove this car with his family to Miami, Florida. From there he went to Savannah, Georgia, where he worked for the Clutter Construction Corporation. He resided in a rented house at 206 Windsor Road, Savannah. He said that on May 14, 1962, he obtained another Brazilian visa but permitted it to expire. His case was due to come up in Little Valley, New York, on July 2, 1962. On June 29, 1962, he came to Little Valley, New York, with his attorney, [redacted]

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[redacted] and appeared in court where he was released on bail. He returned by plane to Atlanta and from there went to Savannah. He alleged that on the plane ride to Atlanta he was informed by an unknown man seated beside him that he was lucky he did not open his mouth in court. He alleged that when he returned to Savannah he was visited by two unknown men and told to leave the country. He said finally, after being visited by these unknown men, he consented to leave the country and went to Brazil on September 26, 1962.

He said he gave as security to the Bank of Delevan an antique collection appraised at \$20,000 or \$30,000 for insurance purposes. He said that when he obtained loans from [redacted] he gave mortgages on various items of personal property with no regard as to whether it was already mortgaged. He said [redacted] did not concern himself as to whether such property was mortgaged. He said each loan obtained from [redacted] was repaid except the last one for \$10,000.

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[redacted] said that the loans to [redacted] for \$2,500 and to [redacted] for \$2,000 were paid in the face amount from the proceeds of the loan from Western Savings.

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He said he did not know the identity of the employees of the Bank of Delevan who called him regarding his bank account.

[redacted] advised that between October and December, 1961, [redacted] made four separate loans to him in the amount of \$1,000 each. Each loan was repaid in cash in the amount of \$1,500. Each loan was for a period of one week or 10 days.

[redacted] loaned him \$2,000 in September, 1961, in cash. The loan was for about three weeks. He repaid him in cash in the amount of \$2,750.

[redacted] citizens Central Bank, Arcade, personally loaned him \$1,000 for one month. The loan was in cash. He repaid him \$1,150 in cash October 14, 1961.

[redacted] New York, in August, 1961, loaned him \$1,000 for 10 days or two weeks in cash. He repaid the loan in cash in the amount of \$1,500 or \$1,600. About December 5, 1961, HIGHLAND loaned him \$1,950 in cash. He agreed to repay the loan in the amount of \$2,450 but never repaid it.

[redacted] IV, Arcade, New York, during the Summer of 1961 made loans to him. The loans were by check and repaid by check. [redacted] loans were as follows: \$2,000 repaid in the amount of \$2,500; \$4,500 repaid in the amount of \$5,400; and \$1,500 repaid by \$2,000 on two or three occasions.

[redacted] claimed that he did not know whether the United States mails were used to transmit checks between the banks in which he had accounts, but he did know it took 24 hours for checks to be transmitted from one bank to another.

[redacted] furnished the following descriptive information:

Name

DOB and POB

Height

Weight

Eyes

Hair

Complexion

Posture

5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

165 pounds

Blue

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Fair

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Build

Scars

Education

Medium

Appendix scar, 2<sup>nd</sup> scar on  
left knee

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Relatives

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Army Serial No.

Social Security No

Arrests

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On January 15, 1962, [redacted] Citizens Central Bank of Arcade, Arcade, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted], concerning HANSELMAN's check kiting activities. [redacted] advised that on January 8, 1962, [redacted] of [redacted]

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[redacted] told him that a lot of people had loaned her husband money and when this matter comes to court, many people in the Buffalo area will be exposed for loaning her husband money and charging interest in excess of the normal amount.

[redacted] further stated that on December 13, 1961, [redacted] told him that [redacted] Buffalo, and several of his associates, whose names [redacted] did not reveal, visited the Crystal Inn on a Sunday early in December, 1961.

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During the interview, [redacted] stated, in part, [redacted] borrowed \$58,500.00 from HARRY BISGEIER, [redacted] and [redacted] who hold a mortgage on the Crystal Inn. He stated that [redacted] was holding two mortgages on the Crystal Inn for \$2,500 and \$1,000, and [redacted] Bank of Delevan, Delevan, New York, holds a mortgage for \$2,500 on this night club.

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On April 18, 1963, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that his business includes acting as a broker for the placing of loans. He said that in the Spring of 1961 he heard that [redacted] was in need of funds and he visited [redacted] for the purpose of soliciting his patronage. He said that he arranged for [redacted] to borrow money from [redacted]

and [redacted] based on his second mortgage on the Crystal Inn. He said the only other loan that he arranged for was one for \$7,000 in about September, 1961, made by his partner, [redacted]. He said this was a personal loan for \$7,000 that was paid by the proceeds of the first mortgage loan from Western Savings. He denied that [redacted] gave [redacted] only \$6,000, but was repaid in the amount of \$7,000.

[redacted] denied that he introduced [redacted] to anyone by the name of FREDDIE THE WOLF. He denied that he was acquainted with or knew of any persons by the name of FREDDIE THE WOLF.

RAPPORT denied that he made any personal loans to [redacted]

During the interview, [redacted] the father of [redacted] entered the office and after being advised by his son of the nature of this interview, he stated that he resides at 290 Sterling Avenue and is a next door neighbor of VICTOR RANDACCIO. Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they are acquainted with the name of ALBERT RANDACCIO as a builder in the Clearfield Subdivision of Amherst, New York.

[redacted] added that [redacted] FRED G. RANDACCIO, has been building an apartment building on the estate of [redacted] the architect, on Jewett Parkway, Buffalo, New York.

[redacted] was arraigned in Cattaraugus County Court April 8, 1963, on charge of bail jumping. He pleaded not guilty and trial date was set for April 22, 1963.

On May 13, 1963, Mrs. CLARE BRADLEY, Grand Jury [redacted] New York, advised that according to the records of the District Attorney, [redacted] was indicted for forgery first degree on March 27, 1962, Indictment No. 62-8 for which he pled guilty to the indict-

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ment. On June 26, 1962, [redacted] was indicted under Indictment No. 62-32 for grand larceny second degree for which he pled guilty to the first count. On March 29, 1963, [redacted] was indicted under Indictment No. 63-16 for jumping bail for which he pled guilty to the indictment.

[redacted] advised that on April 29, 1963, [redacted] was sentenced to serve three to five years concurrently for each of the above indictments. [redacted] was sentenced by Cattaraugus County Judge J. RICHMOND PAGE, Little Valley, New York.

On May 29, 1963, CHARLES F. CRIMI, Assistant United States Attorney, Buffalo, New York, advised that in view of the fact that [redacted] had been sentenced in State Court to a period of three to five years on charges stemming from the same acts as Federal charges would be based on, he was declining prosecution as to both [redacted] and [redacted] S. He pointed out that since [redacted] was responsible for the loss, he did not wish to proceed against [redacted] former cashier at the Bank of Delevan.

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On May 9, 1963, [REDACTED] inmate Attica State Prison, was reinterviewed in connection with the information he had previously furnished to SAA [REDACTED] on April 17, 1963. At the time of the interview a large number of photographs were displayed to [REDACTED] at which time he selected a photograph of FRED G. RANDACCIO as being identical with the individual whom he had previously reported as being known to him as "FREDDIE THE WOLF." In addition, [REDACTED] selected photographs of [REDACTED] as being identical with the person known to him as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised in connection with [REDACTED] to his knowledge, had been employed by the King Furniture Company, Lackawanna, New York, and [REDACTED] whose last name was unknown to him but who [REDACTED] a pizza shop at Lackawanna, New York. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had visited the Crystal Inn at Arcade numerous times and on one occasion had loaned to [REDACTED] a sum of \$500 for which he repaid the amount of \$750. In addition, he stated [REDACTED] had made a second loan of \$1,000 for which he had repaid an amount of \$1,500.

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[REDACTED] advised that just prior to Christmas, 1961, [REDACTED] had visited him at his office at the Crystal Inn at Arcade, New York, and had notified him that he, [REDACTED] was going to handle the Christmas decorations for him at Christmas, 1961, for \$500. [REDACTED] advised that he was frightened with the proposal and did not consider it to be wise to object to these arrangements in view of possible serious retaliation. He stated, however, he did not wish to have these Christmas decorations and at the time was unable to afford them.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had paid [REDACTED] \$250 prior to Christmas when the decorations were being installed and the second \$250 on New Year's Eve when [REDACTED] visited the Crystal Inn. According to [REDACTED] had learned of these arrangements and considered the matter to be a shakedown and was very much opposed to the transaction and so notified [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had told his wife to stay out of the matter inasmuch as it was a matter being handled between himself and [REDACTED] advised he too considered it to be a shakedown, "but was too scared to take issue."

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[redacted] advised that his wife was [redacted]  
who resided with [redacted]

[redacted] He stated she verifies much of  
the information which he had furnished, although stated he was  
much concerned as to her welfare as well as the welfare of his  
children if their whereabouts would be made known to the  
people with whom he had done business. [redacted] advised,  
in addition, [redacted] whose last name was [redacted]  
unknown to him, was well acquainted in Buffalo and was acquaint-  
ed with [redacted]

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[redacted] advised in connection with [redacted]  
(phonetic) he had learned that this individual was also known  
as [redacted] that he had a checking account at the  
Statler Branch of the Marine Trust Company, and that he was  
employed for the Robert Ford Provisions Company in Buffalo.

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On May 16, 1963, [REDACTED] inmate, Attica State Prison, was reinterviewed in connection with information which he had previously furnished SAA [REDACTED] on April 16, 1963, and SA [REDACTED] on May 9, 1963. [REDACTED] advised at this time, after much consideration, he would testify to any of the information which he previously furnished if he would receive some assurance his wife and children would not be molested or harmed by any of the persons against whom he would testify. He stated any reasonable precaution to their welfare would be acceptable to him.

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[REDACTED] at this time sketched a diagram of the tavern which he had visited at Buffalo at which he had received a loan from the individual known to him as "FREDDIE THE WOLF." In addition, a Buffalo City Telephone Directory was furnished to [REDACTED] at which time he reviewed Buffalo taverns and stated that he was certain that Panaro's at 319 Hampshire Street had been the tavern at which he had received the loan from "FREDDIE THE WOLF." [REDACTED] advised, in addition, an individual known to him as [REDACTED] (LNU) had visited at the Crystal Inn several times, and to [REDACTED] knowledge [REDACTED] was "FREDDIE THE WOLF's" right-hand man. He stated "FREDDIE THE WOLF" was a well-dressed man who appeared to be a man of distinction, and he believed his wife, HELEN HANSELMAN, would know "FREDDIE THE WOLF's" true name.

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[REDACTED] advised in connection with the person known to him as [REDACTED] (LNU), his surname might be [REDACTED], and described him as being of medium age, Italian extraction, 5 to 6 feet, medium build.

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In connection with persons known to him as [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], he stated that [REDACTED] also had a girl friend named [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] a tavern on Seneca Street.

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RE: [REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On May 14, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had been employed by Burnham Furniture Store, 1209 Broadway, Buffalo, New York, from early January, 1963, until May 11, 1963, as a salesman at which time he had been discharged as being incompetent.

According to [REDACTED] was also known as [REDACTED] by his close friends. [REDACTED] advised that at the time [REDACTED] commenced his employment for the Burnham Furniture Store, it had been pointed out by [REDACTED] that he was unable to furnish a bond in connection with his employment inasmuch as he had an arrest record.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had, prior to being employed for the Burnham Company, worked for some time as a salesman for the King Furniture Company in Lackawanna, New York. According to [REDACTED] was well acquainted with tavern owners as well as other persons on the West Side of Buffalo. [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] had traveled to New York together in connection with a business trip and while in New York, they had met an individual identified only as JOE, last name unknown, who was engaged in a real estate business in New York, and who had entertained [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rather well during their stay in New York City.

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[REDACTED] stated that it was his impression that [REDACTED] resident of Boston, Massachusetts, frequents Buffalo a couple times a year and might be acquainted with persons of questionable background.

[REDACTED] advised the person known as [REDACTED] had previously been unknown to him, but was a close friend of BARONE.

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[REDACTED] advised as far as it was known to him, [REDACTED] was on good terms with his wife.

He advised that he had [redacted] to appraise the two suitcases of stamps. [redacted] said that he would not give \$250 for them. The two men then took the stamps to one (FNU) [redacted] in Buffalo, who also appraised the stamps at approximately \$250.

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[redacted] advised that on New Year's Eve he and his wife went to [redacted]'s night club and sat at the table with [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] was on crutches and in a wheelchair. He stated that the LYLE HAMPTON Orchestra was playing that night and that the club was almost deserted, meaning that there were not many customers present.

[redacted] advised that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of FRED G. RANDACCIO, nor has he ever heard the name of "FREDDIE THE WOLF." He advised that his attorney, [redacted], was with him on every occasion that he met [redacted] except the night at the night club when he and his wife had dinner with him. Additionally, [redacted] advised that on no occasion did he suggest that [redacted] leave the country, nor did he loan him any money to purchase an automobile.

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[redacted] advised that he became acquainted with [redacted] approximately two years ago through his baseball association in Jamestown, New York, and knew [redacted] through his [redacted] of Buffalo, New York, who [redacted] the F and R Machinery, 155 Chandler Street. He emphatically stated that the name of FRED RANDACCIO was never mentioned during any of his transactions with [redacted].

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On July 8, 1963, [redacted] New York, advised SA [redacted] that she has not seen or heard from her husband since he was being sought by the FBI in 1960. She stated that she knew that [redacted]

[redacted] had not seen or heard from [redacted] noting that [redacted] advised her he had been followed by four men in two cars recently. They had stopped [redacted] and asked questions concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] also known as [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

[redacted] She stated that when [redacted] told these men that he did not know the whereabouts of [redacted] they slapped him and knocked him down and injured him to the extent that he had to go to the hospital for first aid. She explained that [redacted] is presently employed on the day shift at [redacted] New York.

[redacted] stated that she did not know if [redacted] was mixed up with [redacted] New York, nor did she know any of [redacted] associates.

On September 17, 1963, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Buffalo Police Department, advised that he knows [redacted] as a man who was arrested for holding up an employee of [redacted] New York, on June 1, 1950. He stated that an investigation by the Police Department determined that the [redacted] known as [redacted] was [redacted] and was suspected of fingering the stickup for [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has never known [redacted] to be associated with RANDACCIO; however, he, [redacted] has been observed on several occasions in the company of other hoodlums on the West Side of Buffalo. He stated that notes taken by members of the Intelligence Unit indicated that [redacted] was observed at [redacted]

[redacted] with [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] He stated that [redacted] is located directly across the street from the former [redacted] a hangout for West Side hoodlums.

On several occasions during the past year [redacted] was observed by SAA [redacted] driving a car

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registered to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is presently working [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed during the course of another investigation, wherein she admitted she was engaged in prostitution.

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Detective [REDACTED] further advised that the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was formerly known as the [REDACTED] and  
operated by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that for several years bookmakers, burglars,  
thieves, and narcotics peddlers have frequented the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and has been the subject of several investigations  
of the Buffalo Police Department.

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Detective [REDACTED] stated that he has not observed  
[REDACTED] hanging out at this [REDACTED] however,  
he has been observed in the area with some of FRED G. RANDACCIO's  
friends.

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[redacted] was advised of her right to counsel, that she did not have to make any statement, but that any statement she did make could be used against her in a court of law. No threats, force, or promises were used to induce [redacted] to furnish the following information:

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She advised [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she has been in contact with [redacted]

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On 9/24/63 at [redacted], New Jersey File # Newark 92-1220  
Buffalo 9-750

by SA [redacted] tmh:dbl Date dictated 9/26/63

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On March 20, 1964, [redacted] was located at the Kenmore Bedding and Furniture Company, 2956 Delaware Avenue in Kenmore, New York. [redacted] advised that he is the [redacted] doing business under the name of Kenmore Bedding and Furniture Company and has been working in the furniture line for several years in the Buffalo, New York area. [redacted] stated that sometime around 1961 while working as a furniture [redacted] for A. Victor and Company he met [redacted] of the Crystal Inn in Arcade, New York. [redacted] explained that in addition to his employment as a furniture salesman he was working as an individual selling party favors for Norman L. Etenger, Inc., carnival supplies, 349 Broadway, Buffalo, New York. At that time [redacted] was just getting the Crystal Inn completed and offered him \$500.00 to decorate the night club for a Christmas party and ordered approximately \$250.00 worth of decorations and another \$250.00 worth of decorations for a New Year's Eve party.

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[redacted] stated that he was rather surprised to obtain such a large order for a night club located in Arcade, New York, since this is considered a rural area, and he did not believe that the area would support the expenditures [redacted] was making at the night club. He further stated that [redacted] boasted of knowing FRANK SINATRA personally, having played a trombone in TOMMY DORSEY's band when SINATRA was singing for DORSEY. He stated that [redacted] told him that SINATRA was planning to come to the Crystal Inn after he opened and not charge him for his appearance. [redacted] stated he did not believe [redacted] at the time, however, when he opened the night club, most of the prominent businessmen in the area were present in formal evening clothes and LOUIE ARMSTRONG and his band were featured as entertainment. He stated it was common knowledge that [redacted] was spending large sums of money financing, not only his night club, but some sort of construction business [redacted] was operating in connection with the building of the Crystal Inn.

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On 3/20/64 at [redacted] New York File # Buffalo 9-750  
by SA [redacted] and SAA [redacted] Date dictated 3/24/64  
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[redacted] stated that he had never transacted any other business than that related above with [redacted] and he was positive that he had never borrowed or loaned [redacted] any funds whatsoever. He stated as a matter of fact he did not have any funds to loan anyone when he was selling party favors to night clubs.

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[redacted] stated that he never went to see HANSELMAN with anyone attempting to collect funds and that he was not aware that anyone had made any threats to [redacted] concerning unpaid bills. He stated he was aware of the fact that [redacted] had jumped bail, however, he had no information that [redacted] had fled to South America.

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He stated that he knew for a fact that [redacted] was trying to borrow money in Buffalo, and had mentioned on one occasion that he had some large diamonds which were very valuable and that he, [redacted] was planning on selling them to a jeweler in the ELLICOTT Square Building. He further stated that [redacted] was trying to borrow funds and offered to pay a high rate of interest for ready cash. He stated that [redacted] told him that he was willing to pay interest in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a \$5,000.00 loan for a period of only three or four weeks.

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[redacted] stated he did not know the identity of anyone who had loaned [redacted] any money, however, he suspected that [redacted] was deeply in debt to banks in the Arcade, New York area.

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[redacted] stated that he did not know anyone by the name of "FREDDIE THE WOLF" or [redacted] and had never heard that they had loaned [redacted] any money. He stated that he recalled seeing [redacted] on one occasion at Panaro's Lounge which is often referred to on the West Side of Buffalo as "Mike Show's." He stated that he recalls this incident occurred around Christmas of 1961 and [redacted] was alone at the time. [redacted] advised that he is acquainted with FRED G. RANDACCIO and is familiar with skylocking operations of a group on the West Side of Buffalo known as "The Arm." He pointed out that he has never borrowed any funds from "The Arm" and he is positive he has never borrowed any funds from RANDACCIO. He stated that he has never known RANDACCIO to be referred to as "FREDDIE THE WOLF" and he has never heard of any information suggesting that [redacted] had borrowed any money from RANDACCIO or "The Arm."

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[redacted] commented during the interview that regardless of his financial plight he would never consider taking the risk of borrowing money from "The Arm," because of their high rate of interest. It should be noted that although [redacted] professed to knowing nothing about [redacted] borrowing funds from RANDACCIO or "The Arm," he made a comment at the conclusion of the interview that he, [redacted] must have been in real trouble financially. He followed this remark up by asking the question as to why would [redacted] borrow \$5,000.00 from "The Arm" at such a high rate of interest unless he was in real financial difficulty. When he was asked to elaborate or explain this comment, [redacted] stated that he had no comment to make, but was merely using this as an example of what a man will do when he is being pushed financially.

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[redacted] stated that he did not know anyone using the names of [redacted], who formerly worked for Bob Ford Provisions as a meat salesman.

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PERSONAL HISTORY  
AND BACKGROUND

In 1963 [redacted] an inmate of Atlanta Penitentiary, testified before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concerning organized crime and illicit traffic in narcotics. In his testimony, [redacted] identified several hoodlums of Italian descent in the Buffalo area whom he stated are members of the Cosa Nostra headed by STEVE MAGADDINO. He further testified that FRED G. RANDACCIO is an underboss or Lieutenant for STEVE MAGADDINO.

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On October 16, 1963, [redacted] Assistant Chief of Detectives in Charge of the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Buffalo Police Department, Buffalo, New York, testified before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concerning organized crime in the Buffalo area. [redacted] identified RANDACCIO and his associates who operate strong-arm tactics and even commit murder in the Buffalo area. He testified that RANDACCIO was born July 1, 1907, in Palermo, Italy, and presently resides at 762 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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The records of the Identification Division, Washington, D. C., disclosed the following information concerning RANDACCIO under FBI No. 286928:

| Contributor of<br>Fingerprints | Name and Number     | Arrested or<br>Received | Charge             | Disposition                           |
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| SO, Buffalo,<br>NY             | FRED LUPO<br>#4094  | 5/26/30                 | robbery<br>(1)     | Elmira Ref.                           |
| PD, Buffalo<br>NY              | FRED LUPO<br>#24313 | 5/27/30                 | robbery<br>1st deg | (see not)                             |
| SR, Elmira,<br>NY              | FRED LUPO<br>#36955 | 9/29/30                 | assault<br>1st deg | 10 yrs Rec.<br>2/4 (illeg)            |
| PD, Buffalo,<br>NY             | FRED LUPO<br>#24313 | 9/7/33                  | robbery<br>1st deg | parole<br>10/4/40 Repa.<br>to Bflo NY |
| SO, Buffalo,<br>NY             | FRED LUPO<br>#4094  | 1/27/38                 | viol.<br>parole    | (see not)                             |

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| USI and NS<br>Buffalo, NY | FRED GABRIEL<br>RANDACCIO<br>#3696167 | alien reg.<br>11/19/40 |  |  |
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| USINS | FREDERICO<br>G.<br>RANDACCIO<br>#C-6258727<br>Buffalo, NY | FP<br>3/15/36 | Deportation Released<br>as U.S.<br>citizen |  |
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| Army | FRED<br>GABRIEL<br>RANDACCIO<br>#42174477 |  |  |  |
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\* Arrested 8 times in Buffalo, NY, traffic viol, two \$5.00 fines.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED RANDACCIO, 7/22/20, juv. del., disch.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED RANDACCIO, 8/19/22, juv. del., disch.

\* Buffalo, NY FRED RANDACCIO, 6/15/24, D.C. 9/13 Co., \$5.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED RANDACCIO, 12/23/24, N.P.L. and viol 374-282 2 MVL. fines \$250 and 1st. chg disch on 2nd chg.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED RANDACCIO, 11/25/25, vio. 276-B, H.L. fined \$50 and lic revoked.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED RANDACCIO, 1/29/26, vio. 283, H.L. 1926 vag disch (appearing on print #36955).

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED LUPO, 11/25/27, vio. 60-24-1 Co. fined \$5.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED LUPO, 10/14/23, assault 3rd deg, fined \$10.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED LUPO, 6/26/29, viol. 887-1 CCP, disch.

\* Buffalo, NY, FRED LUPO, 4/5/30, assault 2nd degree disch.

\* Buffalo, NY, 7/7/30, 60-15-8 Co. S.S.

\* 7/7/30 DO 9-5-8-24 CO DISCH. (Appearing on print #24313).

\* 24313 PD, Buffalo, NY, 9/10/32 887-1 CCP, disch.

\* 1/13/33, 887-1 CCP DISCH (Appearing on print #24313).

\* #4094, SO, Buffalo, NY (illleg) robbery 1st deg.

#24313 5/27/30, robbery 1st degree; chg reduced to aslt 1st deg and sent to Elmira Ref for 10 years by Judge on 9/26/30

#4094 1/27/38 viol parole; 2/8/38 ret to Elmira Ref 2/4/38 reparaoled to Bflo 10/4/40 disch from parole 6/11/41 by max expiration of sentence.

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The following description of RANDACCIO was obtained through interrogation in 1958 and in 1961:

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| Name               | FREDERICO GABRIEL RANDACCIO  |
| Born               | July 1, 1907, Palermo, Sicily, Italy   |
| Race               | White  |
| Sex                | Male   |
| Residence          | 562 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, New York   |
| Previous Residence | 157 Auburn Street, Buffalo, New York   |
| Height             | 5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  |
| Weight             | 180 - 185 lbs.   |
| Hair               | Black - graying  |
| Eyes               | Hazel, wears dark rimmed glasses   |
| Education          | Seventh grade, Buffalo   |
| Complexion         | Fair to ruddy  |
| Citizenship        | Naturalized, U. S.   |
| Military Service   | District Court, Buffalo, 6 months, United States Army  |
| Scars and Marks    | $\frac{1}{2}$ " semi-circular scar under chin; 1" cut scar on inner left wrist; faint scar at upper left forehead at hair line |
| Characteristics    | Slightly deaf  |
| FBI No.            | 286928   |

RE: [REDACTED]

VICTIM

The records of the Identification Division in Washington, D. C., disclose the following identification record of [REDACTED] FBI No. [REDACTED]

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| TITLE OF CASE<br>FRED G. RANDACCIO, aka;<br>UNSUBS;<br>[redacted] |                             | REPORT MADE BY<br>[redacted] (A) | TYPED BY<br>:jmb                     |
| VICTIM<br>[redacted]  |                             | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>EXTORTION   |                                      |

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REFERENCES: Report of SA(A) [redacted] dated b6  
3/28/64 at Buffalo. b7C  
Buffalo letters to New York dated 6/11 and  
7/31/64.  
New York letter to Buffalo dated 9/3/64.

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1. Will interview [redacted] Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo, to determine if he recalls circumstances surrounding the loan of \$10,000.00 to [redacted] by RANDACCIO.

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2. Will interview [redacted] aka [redacted] at Panaro's Lounge, 319 Hampshire Street, Buffalo, residence [redacted] to determine if he is identical to the bartender described by [redacted] as employed at Panaro's Lounge in 1961.

3. Will consider interviewing FRED G. RANDACCIO for an explanation concerning the allegation made by [redacted] that RANDACCIO loaned him large sums of money on two occasions requiring payment of high interest rates.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Two (2) copies of this report are being furnished the Bureau in view of the fact that additional investigation was requested by [redacted], Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, on 2/24/64.

It is noted that the initial investigation in this matter was conducted under the following case captions:

[redacted] aka;  
[redacted] Cashier,  
Bank of Delevan,  
Delevan, New York  
FRA; ITSP  
Bureau file 29-30613

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[redacted] aka -  
FUGITIVE  
URAP - GRAND LARCENY  
Bureau file 29-30613

FRED G. RANDACCIO, aka  
AR  
Bureau file 92-3972

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

On 9/16/64 [redacted] PC advised that it is a well known fact that FRED G. RANDACCIO is engaged in Shylocking activities on the West Side of Buffalo. Informant further stated that loans and collections are handled in this Shylocking business by a group of West Side hoodlums known as "the Arm."

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[redacted] PC stated that FRED G. RANDACCIO and members of "the Arm" hang out at Panaro's Lounge, 319 Hampshire Street, Buffalo. Informant stated there is a bartender employed at Panaro's who has been there for a number of years who is one CHARLES "BUDDY" BUSH. This individual owns a boxer dog and usually comes to work at 4:00 PM each day. He stated BUDDY BUSH is past middle age and is well known on the West Side as a bartender for "SNOWBALL" PANARO.

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[redacted] also advised he was not acquainted with anyone known as [redacted] or [redacted]

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[redacted] He stated he is acquainted with [redacted] who for a number of years has worked as a salesman of sorts.

He stated [redacted] was in trouble a few years ago in a stickup that went sour because the girlfriend of [redacted] was discovered to be the victim of the "robbery."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Office: Buffalo, New York

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Bureau File No.: 9-42076

Title:

FRED G. RANDACCIO;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ROBERT C. HANSELMAN  
VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

Subject [redacted] re-interviewed at Wallkill State Prison, Wallkill, New York, on 8/25/64.

[redacted] advised he met FRED G. RANDACCIO through [redacted] and [redacted]

He stated after repaying the \$10,000.00 loan he then borrowed another \$7,500.00, agreeing to repay RANDACCIO \$12,500.00 within 28-32 days.

[redacted] cannot recall having received through the mail or by interstate telephone call any threats or pressure that he repay the loans from RANDACCIO. [redacted] arrested

7/7/64 at Club Helene, 2074 Seneca Street, Buffalo, for accepting horse bets on various races.

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Details:

On August 25, 1964, [redacted] an inmate at Wallkill State Prison, Wallkill, New York, advised SA [redacted] that his wife, who is currently residing at Monmouth, New Jersey, knows the address of his sister-in-law, ROSE, in Buffalo, New York. [redacted] stated that ROSE visited his wife in Monmouth during the week of August 16, 1964, and that his mother-in-law also spent some time with [redacted] in Buffalo in July of 1964.

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[redacted] Guidance Counselor, Wallkill

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State Prison, Wallkill, New York, advised SA [redacted] on August 25, 1964, that [redacted] has not undergone psychiatric examination since his arrival at the prison and that none is planned for him at the present time.

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[redacted] Wallkill State Prison, was reinterviewed regarding information, previously furnished by [redacted] regarding a loan of money extended to him by FRED RANDACCIO in 1961.

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[redacted] advised, as background, of his need at the time for money in the operation of his business, the Crystal Inn at Arcade, New York, and to repay previous loans from other sources. He told of contacting one [redacted] [redacted] who had in the past obtained loans for him through the placing of second and third mortgages, and advised him of his need for a \$10,000 loan.

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In this connection, [redacted] stated that he was then introduced to [redacted] by [redacted] and went with both of them to a bar where he was introduced to a man called FREDDIE THE WOLF. He stated that he later identified this bar as Panaro's from a Buffalo, New York City Telephone Directory and FREDDIE THE WOLF as identical with a photograph of FRED G. RANDACCIO, from a large number of photographs displayed to him by Special Agents of the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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He stated he feels certain RAPPORT was acquainted with RANDACCIO at the time of this meeting at Panaro's from the way they greeted each other, prior to his, [redacted] introduction to RANDACCIO, which may have been made by [redacted]

[redacted] rather than [redacted] [redacted] said RANDACCIO was in the company of four or five men during this meeting and the only other witness he can recall would be the bartender, known to him as AL, and described by him as Age 50, 5 feet 10, heavy build, dark hair, possibly of English or German descent and owner of a large Boxer dog. He stated [redacted] was also acquainted with AL and he can remember seeing them in conversation at the bar during this meeting.

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by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] area

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[redacted] then reiterated the facts concerning the loan of \$10,000 from RANDACCIO and the pressure brought to bear by associates of RANDACCIO, namely, [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic), to insure that he make good the loan by repayment of \$15,000 within a 30-day period.

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[redacted] further advised that he now recalls that a week to 10 days after he paid back this initial loan, he again went to Panaro's to see RANDACCIO about another loan. On this occasion, [redacted] said, RANDACCIO was not in the bar, but he reached him by telephone at a number furnished by the bartender, AL, and RANDACCIO arrived at Panaro's shortly thereafter and gave [redacted] a \$7,500 loan in cash. [redacted] said he agreed to pay back this loan by a repayment of \$12,500, due within 28-32 days to the best of his recollection. He said that before the due date, he again was visited at the Crystal Inn by [redacted] and [redacted] but that this time he had the necessary \$12,500 which was paid to RANDACCIO.

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He said that on the occasion of this second loan, he was accompanied to [redacted] by his wife and his sister-in-law, [redacted]. He said that his wife was at the table where he talked to RANDACCIO, while [redacted] stayed at the bar. However, he said that RANDACCIO gave him the \$7,500 in cash in the men's room out of sight of any witnesses.

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[redacted] also advised of a third visit to Panaro's to borrow money from RANDACCIO, whom he again contacted by telephone at a number furnished by the bartender, AL. He said he wanted a \$10,000 loan, but RANDACCIO told him he didn't have enough cash, but to see [redacted] the following day.

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[redacted] said that when he went to [redacted] he was given a certified check for \$10,000. This loan was to be repaid in the amount of \$12,500 within a three to five day period, which was done.

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[redacted] said, however, that he cannot recall having received through the mail or by any interstate telephone call, any threats or pressure in any form, from anyone attempting to insure that he repay the loans from RANDACCIO in the larger sums of money.

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In addition, [redacted] said that he could not furnish the identity of the individual who sat next to him on the plane trip from Buffalo, New York to Atlanta, Georgia or the unknown males who he feels followed him on the connecting flight to Savannah, Georgia during the same trip. He identified this flight as an American Air Lines (AAL) plane which departed Buffalo at approximately 11:15 p.m. on July 2, 1962. He mentioned that this flight also carried the Atlanta professional baseball team. He described the male individual seated next to him as age, in late 30s or early 40s; 5 feet 8; 175-185 pounds. He said that shortly after take-off, this person asked him for a match and advised that he knew he was [redacted] and told him that it was good he did not open his mouth in court.

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[redacted] said he cannot remember any further conversation by this individual during the remainder of the trip. However, he commented that during this flight, the stewardess mentioned [redacted] connecting flight to Savannah, Georgia in front of this unknown male.

He said that on arrival in Atlanta, Georgia, he observed this individual conversing with two other unknown males at the airport and that the latter two persons occupied seats behind him during the flight to Savannah, Georgia, but did not attempt to engage him in any conversation.

[redacted] identified his flight to Savannah, Georgia, as on a Delta Airlines plane, which departed Atlanta at 5:00 or 6:00 a.m. on July 3, 1962. [redacted] stated he did not observe these latter two individuals very closely, but can remember that one was in his early 20s, approximately 6 feet 4, 160 to 170 pounds and presented a somewhat feminine appearance.

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[redacted] also mentioned a telephone call received two or three weeks after his return to Savannah, at his trailer office, from an unidentified individual who made arrangements to meet [redacted] for lunch at a restaurant called [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] described this individual as age, late 50s or early 60s, 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 8, 160 pounds, well dressed, grey hair, slightly bald. He said this individual did not identify himself by name, but repeated comments to [redacted] that it was good he did not talk while in court and that he should not return to Buffalo.

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He said that during early September, 1962, he was visited at his trailer office in Savannah, Georgia, by a man who identified himself as [redacted] (phonetic), who mentioned he was familiar with [redacted] local address and referred to an incident the previous day in which [redacted] while on her bicycle, was nearly struck by a car. [redacted] said he assured this individual he would not return to Buffalo for trial and at this point, he said he decided to leave the country. He also stated that his son [redacted] Age 19, was a witness to this latter incident. He described [redacted] as middle aged, 5 feet 10, 160 pounds, very prominent nose, talked with a southern accent.

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Further, [redacted] said, to the best of his recollection, in late January, 1962, upon urgings by [redacted] and FRED RANDACCIO to leave the country, he accepted \$150 from them and flew via AAL to New York with his wife to obtain passports for a trip to Brazil. [redacted] explained that subsequent to this trip, he and his wife did drive to New York City for the purpose of picking up [redacted] New York, and returning her to Buffalo.

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He then reiterated the details of his subsequent travels which are the same as previously furnished to a Special Agent of the Buffalo Office of the FBI in April, 1963.

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By letter dated August 31, 1964, [redacted]  
furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent

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"Dear [redacted]

"After giving much after thought to our conversation of last week, I have recalled a few extra items pertaining to my problem and by shear coincidence, I ran across this newspaper clipping in last Thursday's Buffalo Evening News. The clipping I am enclosing. First things first = While and during my F.B.I. interview at Attica State Prison, the Agent asked me if I remembered the last name of [redacted] and her address and place of business as well as that of [redacted]. At the specific time, all I could remember was her first name, that being [redacted] and that she owned a bar or club of some sort. She having been to my Chrystal Inn with [redacted] many times, and this should be in my statement and my wife would be able to remember her. Now in this clipping I am submitting, which shows a plea of guilty to bookmaking charges at her club is her name and spelling thereof. I would definitely be willing to swear that this is the woman and that is the club I was asked to remember. Her name is [redacted] and her club or tavern is Club Helene 2074 Seneca Street. I could not give the correct spelling of [redacted] at the time of my interview or his address, but as of last Thursday according to the clipping - the above is the correct spelling of his name and also his address as listed in the Hotel Lafayette, Bflo., N.Y. [redacted] alias as I told the Agent in Attica was [redacted] who had at the time a Checking Account in the Statler Hilton Hotel Branch of the Marine Trust Co., Bflo., N.Y.

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As to this account, if his account under that name is checked for either Feb. or March 62, I can't recall which month at the moment, I am positive you will find a check, or a series of checks equaling approximately \$250.00, made payable

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"to either I or the Chrystal Inn. It was these funds that I was told by [redacted] I should use under the direction of 'Freddy the Wolf' to help me 'get out of town.' This I will definitely swear to, and the cancelled checks which are photographed at the bank will verify this statement, the only problem I have is that I don't recall if it was February or March he gave me the money. Now the name of the attorney in the clipping freshened my memory thus, he referred me to an attorney called 'Daniel Soccia' Dunkirk, N.Y. [redacted] took me to his office. There my entire problem was given to him and my wife was with me in 2 trips to his office. I paid this lawyer \$250.00 for 'Services Rendered as follows' - 1, he made a file on my problem 2, It was this attorney who gave me the name of [redacted]

[redacted] in Los Angeles to go and see if I could 'fix' things either by a loan from men out West or at least, and I recall his words most clearly, 'Get the boys in Buffalo to go along with you.' Almost directly after my trip to L.A. at least within 30 days after my return he called me on the phone and said to me, 'I can't help you any further please don't telephone or bother me any more.' It's funny, but I definitely know and could swear to it, at one meeting at the lawyer's office in this clipping!

My accountant, [redacted] Soccia and an other man plus myself were present, of course Silverberg and his son were there discussing how they could get me off the 'hook' with an S. S. sentence if I promised to 'keep my mouth shut.' I remember now the other man present was [redacted] attorney at law. It's funny how you can forget small things. For the life of me I can't recall the accountant's name at present - but I know if you check the Attica Clerk's Office. He served me a summons to sue me for fees due him, about \$1,500.00. Also The Bank of Delevan would have cancelled photograph copies of checks I paid to him - in the amount of about \$1,500 or \$2,000.00. This I know. Oh yes - All of the above men and their wives were at my inn for dinner, and at a later meeting in my office of the men [redacted] was present at this meeting in my office) much

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"of the matter of my problem, relative to the \$161,000 overdraft was discussed. Its to detailed to write, but in essence a possible S.S. sentence was discussed. Also that of a dummy corporation set up etc. etc.: Mainly the problem of my silence: I hope this after thought might be of some small help. Please remember I want to do everything within my power to help bring these people to Justice, so that some other man in the future may not be made to suffer life as I have + For nothing in this world is worse then being in prison and having to be away from your beloved wife and children. Please also remember I will testify for you in a trial in court or and sometimes I honestly believe, that once paroled, and these men knowing or at least believing I kept quiet would gladly give me a job in Buffalo somewhere within their organization and I know I could get valuable information for your office - In plain words to be an Inside Contact for your office = If you ever want my services in either of these capacities please let me know.

"It is with the very kind generosity of [redacted] [redacted] official in this institution, that I was allowed to write this letter, in strict confidence of course, to you. For which, I most Sincerely thank him.

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"Awaiting any reply you might care to send, at least some form of acknowledgment of receipt of this letter.

"I remain,  
"Very truly yours

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"/s/

"P.S. I swear before God, the contents of this letter is the entire truth.

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On August 27, 1964, Detective Sergeant [redacted] Buffalo Police Department, Buffalo, New York, advised that members of his squad had arrested [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] on July 7, 1964, on charges of accepting bets on horses. He stated that [redacted] age [redacted] resides at [redacted] and [redacted] a tavern known as the Club Helene, 2074 Seneca Street, Buffalo. [redacted] stated that a bartender employed by [redacted] at the Club Helene was identified after arrest as [redacted] age [redacted] living at the Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo. [redacted] stated that both [redacted] and [redacted] on August 27, 1964, entered pleas of guilty to charges of accepting bets on horses. These pleas were made before City Court Judge ANN T. MIKOLL in spite of the objection of [redacted] attorney, [redacted] identified Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] as the arresting officers.

On September 17, 1964, City Court Judge MIKOLL fined [redacted] and [redacted] each \$50.00 as a result of the aforementioned arrest.

On August 27, 1964, [redacted] Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo, advised that his records show that [redacted] has been a guest of the hotel since November 1963. He said that [redacted] is currently paying \$13.00 a day for Room 207 at the Hotel Lafayette; however, he is very seldom observed at the hotel.

Efforts to locate [redacted] at the Hotel Lafayette on August 27, September 3, 10, and 15, 1964, were made with negative results.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 22 1964

FROM : *[Signature]* Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General HJM:JJF:baj  
Criminal Division 123-66

SUBJECT: *[Signature]* Fred G. Randaccio: Unknown Subjects; b6  
- Victim b7C

*[Signature]* Reference is made to the report of Special Agent *[Signature]*  
dated March 28, 1964, and your request to be advised what further  
investigation is desired in this matter.

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No further investigation is requested in this matter at this  
time.

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